

REMARKS

The Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse Group I, claims 1-7, for continued examination, without prejudice or disclaimer.

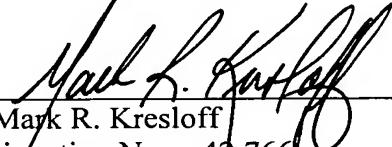
Group I and Group II are patentably indistinguishable. Further, the search required for Group I overlaps the search for Group II, and therefore does not impose a serious burden on the Examiner.

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